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Brigadier General Carl A. Strock
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Dear General Strock:

On behalf of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), I would like to express my tremendous appreciation for the leadership you have provided during your tenure as Commander and Division Engineer of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Northwestern Division. Under your leadership, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency have made great progress forward in a federal partnership to restore water quality in the Columbia River Basin.

Since your took command in July 1999 you have demonstrated a remarkable willingness to listen and engage with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on these difficult and long standing Clean Water Act policy issues involving water temperature and dissolved gas in the Federal Columbia River Power System. This partnership has laid the groundwork for a stronger overall relationship between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as we meet many other future river restoration challenges throughout the United States.

We look forward to continuing the strong partnership with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers that you have established. We are confident that the path of engagement between our two agencies that you have "engineered" will create new opportunities for great progress in ecosystem improvements in the Columbia River Basin.

Congratulations on your well deserved promotion to Deputy Commanding General for Military Programs, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, in Washington, D.C. I would like to personally wish the best of luck to you and your family as you start your new endeavor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Chuck", is written above the typed name.

Charles E. Findley
Acting Regional Administrator